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SUBJ: YVES MONTAND HOLDS PRESS HAPPENING IN MADRID

2. A GROUP OF FROM TEN TO TWENTY FRENCH CELEBRITIES HEADED BY YVES MONTAND CAME TO MADRID TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS AND STRINGERS TO PROTEST SPANISH JUSTICE AND CALL FOR CLEMENCY FOR THOSE CONVICTED OF ASSASSINATING SPANISH POLICEMEN. MONTAND AND COMPANY HELD THEIR PRESS CONFERENCE IN A CAFETERIA (TWO FORKS) OF THE TORRE DE MADRID

HOTEL BUT IT WAS INTERRUPTED EARLY ON BY THE ARRIVAL OF SPANISH POLICE WHO ARRESTED MONTAND AND FRIENDS AND THE FOREIGN PRESS REPRESENTATIVES, VARIOUSLY ESTIMATED FROM TWENTY TO FORTY. THE GROUP WAS HANDCUFFED AND TAKEN IN POLICE BUSES TO THE STATION. UPON PRESENTATION OF THEIR SPANISH PRESS CREDENTIALS THE CORRESPONDENTS WERE RELEASED.

THOSE WHO HAD COME FROM ELSEWHERE, INCLUDING JUDY FLYNT, AN AP STAFFER FROM ROME, WERE HELD A BIT LONGER AND THEN RELEASED. THE EMBASSY HAD STARTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON HER BEHALF BUT IN THE EVENT IT PROVED UNNECESSARY.

2. THE SPANISH REPORTEDLY PUT THE MONTAND ENTOURAGE ON
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A PLANE FOR FRANCE; THE CORRESPONDENTS HAVE BEEN FILING

STORIES ABOUT THEIR EVENING WITH YVES MONTAND AND THE
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